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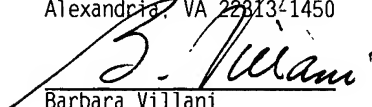
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims beginning on page 3. Original claims 1-3 have been  
canceled and new claims 4-5 are being added.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.